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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64826

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Examiner: Ly T Tran

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For: **PIEZOELECTRIC VIBRATOR UNIT**

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant believes that the Examiner has misstated the teachings of claims 19-26. Specifically, contrary to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, claims 19-26 do not recite "a magnitude of electric fields applied between the common and segment internal electrode layers to the piezoelectric layers is non-uniform to cancel a bending moment caused during contraction of the piezoelectric vibrator." Also claim 10 does not recite "piezoelectric layers are non-uniform in thickness." Accordingly, these claims should not be interpreted to include these limitations.

Respectfully submitted,

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